

The Presence: God Living In You

"God Is Closer Than You Think" Part 3 of 7

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***When You Realize God Wants To Be Close,
Make The Choice To Seek Him In Your Everyday Life,
But Wonder About His Presence.***

I) WHEN WE DON'T FEEL GOD'S PRESENCE

*"Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?"
(Psalm 10:1, NIV)*

The Wrong Ways We Respond

- 1) We TRY HARDER.
- 2) We PRETEND IT'S OK.
- 3) We REDEDICATE OURSELVES.
- 4) We SWITCH SPIRITUAL VENUES.
- 5) We SIMPLY GIVE UP.

"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?" (Psalm 13:1-2, NIV)

II) FULLY EXPERIENCING GOD'S PRESENCE

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy."

***If Christ is living in us, we should be
LIVING DIFFERENTLY IN HIM.**

Four Ways To Fully Experience God's Presence (And Live As If He's Living In You)

1) Start: Experience BAPTISM into God's family.

"For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free— and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

(1 Corinthians 12:13, NIV)

2) Surrender: Experience FILLING into God's life.

"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you."

(Ephesians 5:18, NLT)

3) Submit: Experience COUNSEL into God's will.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, because he lives with you now and later will be in you."

(John 14:16-17, NLT)

4) Sensitize: Experience GUIDANCE into God's truth.

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not be presenting his own ideas; he will be telling you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by revealing to you whatever he receives from me. All that the Father has is mine; this is what I mean when I say that the Spirit will reveal to you whatever he receives from me."

(John 16:13-15, NLT)